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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2111

Application No.: 10/079,576

Examiner: Ray C. Gopal

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For: SWITCH ARCHITECTURE INDEPENDENT OF MEDIA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 27, 2004

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 6, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of August 6, 2004 included a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following two inventions:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-22, drawn to a network device having at least one master connected to at least one high speed docking station for processing and handling data; and

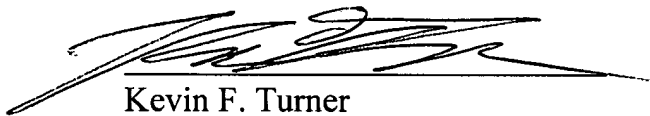
Invention II, recited in claims 23-35, drawn to a method of handling data including forwarding the data to a high speed docking station, packing the data and passing the packed data to a master for processing.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-22, drawn to a network device. Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely consideration on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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